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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, does not this publication of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department fall within the list of official publications usually made available to Members of the Legislature?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir. It is priced Rs. 10 per issue.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, will the Government consider the supply of this official publication free of cost to those Members of the Legislature who specially apply for it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The annual subscription is Rs. 10, and we have already enrolled 1,892 subscribers, who have paid Rs. 18,920. This is for the information of hon. Members. If still any hon. Member is so interested and wants it, I would take it that he is very much interested in going through the journal, and I shall consider whether we could not supply these copies to such hon. Members.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, if the Hon. the Home Minister would not take me amiss, may I say that in Government magazines the tendency is to publish always the photos of only Ministers and not all Members of the Legislature? (Laughter.)

Siddha Research Centre

* 115 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to start a Siddha Research Centre and Hospital in this State; and

(b) if so, the amount allotted or proposed to be allotted for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) None at present.

(b) Does not arise.

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, have the Government considered the composite scheme submitted by the All-India Siddha Vaidhya Sangam for the establishment of a separate Siddha Research Institute with a hospital attached to it, in our State? Will the Government take further action in this matter in the light of the Bangalore Conference of the States' Health Ministers?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : There is a research centre at Jamnagar, where all these indigenous systems of medicine—Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani—are under research. Here in Madras, certain beds are allotted for carrying on research on certain specific diseases like asthma, diabetes, whooping caugh, etc. In these circumstances, let us watch and see the results. Then we can think of other steps.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : May I know, Sir, whether the 'Siddha Section' will be transferred to Madras from Jamnagar? We can do more genuine 'Siddha' research here.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, all the indigenous systems are under research there, and it will be an advantage to compare notes. Instead of transferring that section to this place, the question of having a separate and upgraded section here may be thought of.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Sir, will it not have the advantage of Sri A. Gajapathy Nayagar's supervision here? (Laughter.)

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, is it not a fact that in most of the conferences held in the State of Madras for the promotion of all these systems of medicine, the Minister for Health either presides over those conferences or inaugurates or blesses, and, in fact, accepts all the proposals, but that when it comes to the question of concrete steps, the position remains the same as it was two or three years ago?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : So that he may have more occasions to preside over conferences. (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The hon. Member has failed to mention one other thing, namely, that in addition to inaugurating and presiding over such conferences, the Minister also takes 'Siddha' medicines. (Renewed laughter.)

Publication of the Siddha Works

* 116 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government for the collection and publication of the unpublished Siddha works; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands and the amount, if any, allotted for this purpose?